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The plant for the production of smelting coke which was erected in Lauchhammer in 1952 has proved unsatisfactory. Despite various experiments, the plant has not been able to produce coke of the standard required by the steel industry. The coke which the plant at Lauchhammer produced was of such an inferior quality that it has been decided to close the project entirely. The plan, therefore, to produce coke at Lauchhammer for consumption by the Eisenhuetten-Kombinat Ost at Fuerstenberg has had to be abandoned. Employees of the plant are being absorbed into local industry.

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